

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
May 1, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Karen Sommer, Lesley Sweeney, Kim O'Keefe, Mallory Bagwell, Julie Brown, Ron & Tricia Baker, Margaret Morrison, Irene Sheehan, Carol Bonacum, Sanghyup Lee, Julie Brown

THANK YOU'S: Edmond Chibeau

- **Kim O'Keefe**
for organizing the Tag Sale to benefit the Playground Fund
- **Senora Hutton with Betsy Parker & Vicki Daniels**
for the MILEAGE CLUB program and **Jen Schletter, Nanette Bidwell** (and her baby!), **Kate Cox, Amy Chibeau, Kellie Lowry, Joey Zhou** and **Liz Lackman** for helping them run it.
- **Gwen Duff, Juliana Barrett, Sally Milius, Jean Phillips, Joan Carr, Betsy Parker,**
Norma Fisher-Doiron, Patricia O'Connell-Buckley and **Elizabeth Latino**
for their work organizing the 50th Anniversary kick off.
- **Karen Sommers**
for organizing all the fundraising efforts.
- **Richelle Strimple**
for running the Dine Out fundraisers.
- **Sue Charon & Irene Sheehan**
for working on the Muffins For Moms.
- **Kim Ewalt**
for Spaghetti Dinner & Games Night.
- **Andrew Ewalt**
for the May Parents' Hour presentation
Kyle Hutton, Ashley Doria for directing the TV turnoff week celebration

Introductions

Playscape: Kim O'Keefe

Upcoming fundraisers:

- 2 Flyers for Tag Sale on May 20 went home last Friday and we are already taking donations in the school shed.
- Friday June 2 = Ice Cream Social
- Spaghetti Dinner/Game Night is May 12. Tickets are currently being sold. Families can bring their own games to play.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

MAY

Garage opens for Tag Sale donations - Monday, 5/1
Teacher of the Year nominations due - Friday, 5/5
Muffins for Moms - Friday, 5/5 @ 8:00- 8:45am
Teachers Appreciation Week May 8-12
Spaghetti Dinner & Games Night - Friday, 5/12 @ 5:30pm
School Enrichment Meeting - Tuesday, 5/16 @ 8:15-8:45am
Tag Sale Set Up Night - Friday, 5/19 @ 3:30 - 9:30pm
Tag Sale - Saturday, 5/20 @ 8:00am - 2:00 pm
Artist In Residence: Robert Rogers - Monday -Friday, 5/22-26
Green Thumbs Plant Sale (50¢/plant) - Thursday, Friday, 5/25-26
NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day - Monday, 5/29
Book Fair - Wednesday - Friday, 5/31-6/2 @ 8:30-4:00pm

JUNE

Ice Cream Social - Friday, 6/2
June 5 (Monday) - Parents' Hour & PTO Meeting
June 8 (Thursday) - Fun In Our Own Backyard
June 9 (Friday) - Fun In Our Own Backyard Raindate
Special Person's week the week of the 15th: Each day a different grade level will host guests. Monique will post Special Person's day schedule on parent board.
Donuts for Dads - June 16 8:00 - 8:45
Moving On ceremony for 4th Grade – June 19
Last Day of School - June 26th Early Closing Schedule – Progress Reports go home

The Board of Education has been asked to cut \$150,000 from the budget. They feel we can do this without losing major programs or staff.

We had the 50th anniversary kickoff celebration last Friday and we had very good feedback on it. Carol Bonacum and Barbara Zuraw put together a beautiful banner that is now hanging in the hall. Please take a moment to view it.

Special Person's Day will be different this year. It was scaled down given last minute changes. There will be one hour visits with an activity in the classroom, then a snack in the cafeteria and an informal tour of the school.

Andrew Ewalt did tonight's Parent Advisory meeting on wills and selecting guardians for your children. Edmond stated it was clear and informative. There will be no Parent's Hour next month.

Class size projections for next year:

K-45 (approximately 4 are ½ day)

1-42

2-43

3-46

4-52

The projections for the number of classrooms next year are the same:

2 Kindergarten classes contingency fund for

3 First Grade Classes

2-3 Second Grade Classes (looking more and more like 3 right now)

3 Third Grade Classes

3 Fourth Grade Classes

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Monique looked into the cost of purchasing books. Highly recommends purchasing through Scholastic if we go that route. She will speak with Joyce Meimers, the school librarian, about this option.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

April's minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time.

Motion for acceptance by: Ron Baker

2nd by : Kim O'Keefe

All in Favor Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

April's Report was reviewed:

We had a refund from the bulbs fundraiser. Applebees did not bring in much revenue. A very nice donation was received from the Lee family. The 50th anniversary celebration expenses were lumped with Special Person's day expenses. The puppetry residency cost only \$600, leaving \$5400 in that line item. In the fall the PTO will consider having Chang's Garden as a fundraiser, as recommended by Edmond Chibeau.

Motion to accept report: Ron Baker

Seconded by: Kim O'Keefe

All in Favor

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Edmond reported. TV turnoff week a success with a lot of participation

Edmond brought up his wife's suggestion about selling tee-shirts with pens for signing on the last day of schools. A decision was made to forgo this and just keep with signed tee-shirts being raffled at the spaghetti dinner.

Kim reminded that we should have PTO elections next meeting. The current officers are willing to stay if no one is interested in the positions next year.

President: Edmond & Amy Chibeau

Co-President: Ron Baker
Treasurer: Lesley Sweeney
Secretary: Monique Brown

Artist in Residence week: Classrooms will have sessions with Robert Rogers on the various aspects of puppetry. The schedule is still being worked out by the Enrichment Teacher, Sue Irvine. Edmond mentioned that UConn is opening their puppetry exhibit for the summer soon.

Kim O'Keefe proposed to keep our current \$3K buffer in the budget but then move all other funds to the playscape fund. Ron asked if we could reduce the buffer to \$2K. Lesley Sweeney said we could because of the way we currently budget our money. Kim says additional \$ will help more if it comes in before she goes to the board to ask them to match the money. Kim stated that after the summer the fundraisers that go to the playscape will all go to the PTO general fund. Edmond made a formal motion to put all remaining money from the PTO budget, except for a 2K buffer for next year's budget, into the playscape fund. This motion was seconded by Ron Baker and Irene Sheehan and it unanimously carried. Kim O'Keefe wanted to be sure to highlight that this is to complete the playscape project.

Motion to adjourn: Ron Baker
Motion seconded by: Irene Sheehan and Kim O'Keefe

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:07 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 05/05/06
NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2006